

# **Family Court Project**

## **Grant County**

Basic Information	
Population:	Approximately 70,000
County Seat:	Marion
Judicial Officers:	Warren Haas, Dana Kenworthy, Brian McLane,
	Mark Spitzer, Jeff Todd
Date of Project Implementation:	4/1/2013
Project Judge/s:	Warren Haas, Dana Kenworthy, Brian McLane,
	Mark Spitzer, Jeff Todd
Administrative Contact:	Dana Kenworthy
Project Funding:	Family Court Grant, ADR Plan Fees

### **Family Court Mission Statement**

Please provide a mission statement for your Family Court Programming

The mission of the Grant County Family Court Project is reduce conflict in family law cases involving children, and to improve timely access to justice and relevant services for impoverished litigants and their children.

### **Family Court Programming**

Please provide a description your Family Court Programming

The Grant County Family Court Program encourages litigants and attorneys to maintain focus on the best interests of children, and provides programming designed to reduce conflict in family cases. The Program includes an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Plan. Grant funding is used to increase indigent litigants' access to services, including parent education, Guardian Ad Litem services, and mediation. The Program has supported domestic relations mediation certification for three attorneys, and also provides family law CLE for local attorneys.

#### **Number of Families Served**

Please provide an estimate of the number of families served through the Family Court Programming

12 families have been served to date. Because the program is still new, we anticipate program growth as it becomes more familiar to litigants and attorneys.